

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a water withdrawal from a river in Buchanan County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: {For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.}

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation; P.O. Box 70, Vansant, VA 24656; VWPP No. 13-1646.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation has applied for a new permit for the Jewell Prep Plant No. 3 Water Withdrawal. The project is located off St. Rt. 638, at latitude 37°14'39", and longitude 81°55'26", along Dismal Creek, in Buchanan County VA. The permit will allow the applicant to withdraw water from Dismal Creek at a rate of 350 gallons per minute, not to exceed 500,000 gallons per day, for the purpose of wet processing of coal and makeup water at the preparation plant. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Dismal Creek in the Big Sandy River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Clairise R. Shaheen; DEQ Southwest Regional Office, 355-A Deadmore St., Abingdon, VA 24210; Phone: (276)676-4800; E-mail: clairise.shaheen@deq.virginia.gov ; Fax: (276)676-4899. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.